THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS'

MILLENNIAL STAR.

"*Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it.*"—AMOS 8: 11-12.

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GENERAL CONFERENCE.

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ELDER RUDGER CLAWSON

also of the quorum of the Apostles, said he rejoiced in the glorious news expressed by President Snow; likewise the testimony of Brother Smoot. The speaker read from the Book of Doctrine and Covenants part of a revelation given through the Prophet Joseph to Peter Whitmer. In this the Lord informed the last named that the thing that would be of the most worth to Him would be to bring souls to Christ. He likewise read from a similar revelation directed to Oliver Cowdery. Both were admonished to preach repentance and baptism unto the people of this generation. "These words," said Elder Clawson, "are glorious." These men could have entered into worldly pursuits, by which wealth and renown might have been acquired. Such opportunities were before them and such avenues are also open to us. A voice from eternity came to them, however, to the effect that they must choose the path they should pursue. They were told which was the right way, that being the saving of souls. These are so precious in the sight of God that He gave His only begotten Son that such as believed and obeyed Him might be saved. In this kingdom a man must first place himself in the way of salvation; then set his family on the same pathway and lead them along to pursue it without deviation. This forms a basis to his inducing others not so relatively close to him to take the same course. The great missionary work shall go to all the nations, and every people and kindred shall be reached. Doubtless headway would be made among the people of Japan, a singularly progressive nation. Such

will be the result of the angel of the Lord preceding Elder Grant and his brethren who are commissioned to carry the Gospel to that land.

No man, woman or child of the age of understanding, can approach the Lord unless they repent. If they do so in response to the message of the servants of the Lord, then the Lord will send His spirit upon them and testify to them of the truth. This principle of repentance applies to the Latter-day Saints, and is perpetuated in its application to mortal life. Many of the Saints are slack and neglectful in relation to their duties. Now is the time for such to change their course. This applies to attendance to quorum meetings of the Priesthood and all other duties, which are frequently defined with unmistakable clearness. The reception of the Priesthood is associated with covenants and obligations. If these are neglected the displeasure of God will rest upon those who are thus derelict.

The speaker here dwelt a short time upon the excellent effects which had resulted from recent teachings of President Snow in reference to the necessity of close compliance with the law of tithing. Notwithstanding the general good effect produced, there were not a few who failed in regard to conformity with this important law. Such are in the most unenviable situation. Complete compliance with the law alone entitled the individual to the blessings predicated upon obedience to the principle.

Singing. Benediction by Patriarch John Smith.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 p.m. Singing. Prayer by Elder Brigham H. Roberts. Singing.

ELDER ABRAHAM O. WOODRUFF,

of the quorum of the Apostles, said he felt grateful for the blessings which the Saints enjoy. The Church is, he thought, more prosperous than it ever has been heretofore. There are more Stakes, the people are living their religion more strictly, better reports are given by the missionaries than at any previous time; but it is doubtful if our appreciation has kept pace with our progress in these respects.

Everything in the Church has a purpose. There is nothing—no organization—among us that God has ordained, which is unnecessary. He desired to say something concerning the fast day and the duties of the Saints in this respect. It is the privilege of the Saints to rise in fast meetings and testify to the manifestations of God to them. There is scarcely anyone in the Church but has received some special blessing, and why should the people refrain from bearing witness of these blessings? When we do not avail ourselves of the opportunity of bearing testimony of what we receive from the Lord, the Spirit of God will not be with us to the extent that it would if we do thus testify.

As a people, we believe in revelation. Revelation has always been the great guiding principle in the Church. In countless instances in the lives of missionaries has there been inspiration which has led the Elders to houses where honest souls have been living. Now, the Saints should take advantage of this principle in their fast meetings. Not a minute of time should be wasted by the Saints, and if they would do this the Spirit of God would be with them.

Yet everything should be done in order. The Bishops are the heads of the wards. The gifts of the Spirit should be exercised; but in this matter care should be used. The Bishop is a common judge in Israel, and he has the right to discern by what spirit the Saints are influenced. If a member of the Church is told by the Bishop to refrain from exercising any gift, it is the duty of that member to obey. This is the order of the Gospel, and any member that does not adhere to this order is not worthy of leading in the organizations of the Church.

He spoke of the necessity of paying tithing. The authorities of the Church in the Stakes and wards were expected to preach the law of tithing until there was not a Saint that was a non-tithe payer. It was not intended that the movement begun by President Snow should be spasmodic. There should be universal obedience in this respect. The leaders of the people should set the example, and say to the people, come and follow us.

He desired that the Saints should take up this subject personally, and try to bring themselves and those whom they know to obedience to this law of the Gospel.

ELDER MATTHIAS F. COWLEY,

of the same quorum, was the next speaker. He said the Latter-day Saints were regarded as a practical people. He hoped that he would never see the day when the peculiarities pertaining to this community of Saints would be wiped out. The work of God has always prospered, and specially has this been the case recently, under the ministrations of President Lorenzo Snow. Its financial situation was greatly, and even wonderfully improved. This progress had been brought about by the ready response of the people to the instructions given them concerning the necessity for their compliance with the requirements of the law of tithing.

The general authorities are doing a good work. They are humble men and only desire to know what God desires of them, and do it. There has been of late a marked increase in the number of Stakes of Zion. This comparative increase has been beyond that of the population. President Snow had been moved upon to have this done. The results have been most gratifying. It had brought the officers in the Stakes into closer connection with the people. All should esteem the work of the Lord above any other consideration.

All have their peculiar characteristics. The Saints have come from every quarter of the globe, and no power can hinder the growth of this work. How pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in peace. Some of the local officers do not dwell in union together. Where this is the case, the people among whom they labor will be similarly affected. Individual differences should not interfere with the performance of duties and the discharge of sacred obligations. Many men who show disagreeable weaknesses exhibit great integrity to the work of God. The hand of love and friendship should be extended to such. There should be no antagonism between men who bear the Priesthood. The speaker illustrated his views on the subject by telling of the disastrous consequences of the existence of jealousy and envy among some of the Elders in the early rise of the Church. He read a portion of a revelation given to the Prophet Joseph concerning

the redemption of Zion, and commented upon it, applying some of its principles to the present time.

The young people should fortify themselves against the sins of the world. They should guard their virtue as the blood that flows in their veins. Every man has the right to receive the Spirit of God. No man in the Church will be permitted to lead this people astray. He said that the great latter-day Prophet had given the best evidence that man is able to give to establish the principles which he gave to the world—he offered his life, and his testimony will stand against the world at the last day. He believed, with Elder Smoot, that the day would come when the world would imitate the organizations of the Church to the extent that many people would be deluded thereby. The Saints should have the Holy Ghost to the degree that they will not go out of the Church for blessings which seem to be on the outside.

Elder Cowley concluded by bearing a powerful testimony to the divinity of the work committed to the Latter-day Saints.

ELDER ANTHON H. LUND,

of the same quorum, was the next speaker. He thought with the previous speaker, that the leading men of the Church are humble. It is necessary, if we would make progress in the Church, that we seek to live in humility.

There is also a oneness of feeling among these brethren. This also is necessary for progress. He read from a revelation a few verses upon the subject of unity in the people of God. Not only should the Twelve be united, but this oneness should go out from them to every part of the work. Jesus prayed that His disciples should be one as He and His Father were one. This was a characteristic of the Church in every age. Let not wealth lift us up and make us feel that we are better than our brethren.

To be purse-proud is meaner than any other kind of pride. There should not be class distinctions among us. It is not always the case that the wealthy feel that they are above others'; nevertheless, the tendency of wealth is to make and increase differences in society. We should be one. In the temples of God, those who work therein experience no distinctions. So it is in the missionary field. There the sons of the rich and the sons of the poor mingle together without a thought of distinction.

No man can be great without humility. The great are so because of originality in some respect. This originality must be beneficial, in some way, to the human race. Jesus was the greatest because He combined the greatest humility with beneficent originality. Joseph Smith was a great man; humble in receiving the revelations of the Lord.

He prayed that we should seek for unity and humility; then we should come out victorious in the end.

Singing. Benediction by Elder Rulon S. Wells.

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PRESIDENT GEORGE Q. CANNON'S DEATH.

THE telegram received from President Lorenzo Snow, and published in last week's STAR is now, as promised, supplemented by further particulars

of the sad event. The telegram to the *News* from General John Q., President Cannon's son, was dated Monterey, California, on the 12th ult., and ran as follows: "Father left us at 1:30 this morning, passing peacefully from sleep unto death. Cause—bronchitis, complicated with dilatation of the heart." This was given to the public through the *News*, first by posting bulletins, and then by an extra edition issued near noon, giving a detailed account and a brief sketch of his life. Flags were soon half-masted on the principal buildings, both of Church and business character, while a feeling of loss seemed to settle on the general mind. It was a day of gloom, and regret for the momentarily, irreparable loss.

President Cannon's family was completely overwhelmed on receipt of the sad intelligence, but resigned themselves to the special watch care of the Providence which willed his departure from this sphere of action at this time. Not often are family ties as strong between fathers, wives and children, as in the case of President Cannon. His remarkable power and influence over his household was always a subject of common remark as were also their devotion and love for him.

President Snow was deeply impressed when the imformation of President Cannon's death was communicated to him as was also President Joseph F. Smith. The news was not, however, unexpected as every indication and telegram for days past indicated that the end was speedily approaching, and the President's office was overwhelmed with telephonic inquiries from far and near, in the effort to verify the report. Invariably profound regret and sorrow were expressed upon its confirmation

The illness of President Cannon at Monterey, was fraught with unusual sadness. He knew all the time that he was a very sick man but fully expected that he would be restored to health and strength again. With the wife and sons who watched over him during all the weary hours of day and night with a devotion and love that were beautiful to behold, it was different. Latterly they were made to realize that his days were numbered. Nevertheless they hoped to the very last. A number of friends visited President Cannon at Monterey, and were pleasantly received by him. They report that it was apparent that he was engaged in an unequal struggle with death and that the spectacle was almost tragical. Yet his courage, which never failed him for a moment, was the same sublime fortitude that had characterized his daily life through the long and eventful career that he carved out for himself with such distinction and honor.

President Cannon leaves a large family to mourn his demise. That they will miss him very much there can be no doubt; for he was a good husband, a considerate parent and wise counselor, who always provided well for the needs of those dependent upon him. He was a strong advocate of the patriarchal family system, and was never happier than when surrounded by the members of his own household while some reunion was being held or birthday celebrated. He was firmly of the opinion that such occasions were productive of untold benefit and so he demonstrated that they were. The last family gathering held at his home was just after his return from the Sandwich Islands in January last, when his seventy-fourth birthday was observed in a most pleasant manner, a few days after the event itself.

He felt much improved in health at that time and declared rapturously that it would have given him boundless pleasure to have remained on the islands for several months to come. Had he done so, it is the opinion of many that he would have been alive and well to-day. But speaking of the propriety of a prolongation of his visit at that time he said:

"Every interest but my own health demanded my return—therefore I am home."

This strict attention to business detail was characteristic of the man, and to it, he owed his success in the affairs of life—and probably, his death as well. President Cannon was endowed with a strong physique and good health and had ever led a temperate life in all things, except work in the field of which his energy was active until the hand of death itself was laid upon him.

George Quayle Cannon was born at Liverpool, England, January 11th, 1827. His parents, George and Ann Quayle Cannon, where natives of Peel on the Isle of Man. Their ancestors were originally from the borders of Scotland and spelled their name sometimes as Cannan. George Q. was the oldest of seven children. The others were Mary Alice, Ann, Angus M., John Q., David H. and Leonora. In his boyhood he was a diligent student of the Bible, and thereby was able to perceive the great lack in Christendom of divine inspiration and the authority and gifts enjoyed by the early Christians. In 1840 Elder John Taylor, who had married Leonora Cannon. George Q's. aunt, and joined the church in Canada, landed in Liverpool on a mission to Great Britain. The Cannons at once received him and the Gospel message which he bore. The father and mother, George Q., and two others of the family were baptized on February 11, 1840. The family sailed from Liverpool for Nauvoo on September 17th, 1842, but the mother died on the way and was buried in the ocean, as had been foreseen by her husband and herself before their departure.

On reaching Nauvoo, George Q. recognized the Prophet Joseph Smith although he had never seen his portrait. On August 17, 1844, the father of the Cannons died at St. Louis. George Q. entered the office of the *Times and Seasons and Nauvoo Neighbor*, which was in charge of Elder John Taylor, and he there learned the printing business and was a member of Elder Taylor's household. Under his hands George Q. was ordained an Elder, February 9, 1845, and on the same day was ordained a Seventy and was received as a member of the nineteenth quorum. In 1846, when the expulsion from Nauvoo took place, he traveled with the main body of the Saints to Winter Quarters and crossed the plains in 1847, arriving in Salt Lake Valley October 3rd of that year. There he labored for a living and endured the hardships of the times with the rest of the Pioneers.

In the fall of 1849 he was sent on a mission to California under the direction of Elder Charles C. Rich. He suffered great privations on the way, and in the summer of 1850 was called with nine others to take a mission to the Hawaiian Islands. They landed December 12th, 1850. No success being had among the whites, most of the Elders determined to return; but Elder Cannon, seeing that the natives were in utter ignorance of the Gospel, declared he would stay and preach to them if he had to

remain there alone; four of the missionaries elected to stay with him. He acquired the language by diligence and study and the gift of God, in a marvelously short time, and was soon able to proclaim the Gospel in the native tongue. He also translated the Book of Mormon into Hawaiian. He and his brethren were very successful, and when they left the islands for San Francisco, July 29th, 1854, there were more than four thousand members of the Church in that country. He reached Salt Lake City November 28th of that year and was ordained one of the presidents of the Thirteenth quorum of Seventy.

He was soon notified to take another mission, and on May 10th, 1855, he left Great Salt Lake City with his wife and Elders Joseph Bull and Matthew F. Wilkie for California, where he was set apart by Elder Parley P. Pratt to preside over the mission in California and Oregon. He there published the *Western Standard*, and also the Book of Mormon in the Hawaiian language, which he had previously translated. In consequence of the approach of Johnston's army to Utah, President Young advised Elder Cannon to close up the mission and return home. He reached Salt Lake City January 19th, 1858, and was appointed adjutant general in the army of defence. He was then sent to Fillmore in charge of the *Deseret News*, which he published from April to September, 1858. On his way back to Salt Lake City he was notified to take a mission to the Eastern States for which he made himself ready in three quarters of an hour.

On this mission he was gone nearly two years, during which he labored diligently among leading editors and prominent members of Congress, to correct the misrepresentations concerning the "Mormon" people which had been made by their enemies and had caused the sending of the army to Utah. He also took charge of the branches of the Church in the East, and acted as emigration agent at New York for the purchasing of supplies and forwarding the emigrating Saints. While there he was notified of his selection to fill a vacancy in the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. On his return he was ordained to that office, August 26, 1860.

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PEOPLE who imagine that the modern Jew is as unwarlike as an Indian "Babu," will be surprised to learn that nearly a thousand Israelites are serving with the Regular and Colonial forces in South Africa. These militant Hebrews have all been enabled to keep their Passover in accordance with the Mosaic Law, for they were furnished with the necessary "motzas," or cakes of unleavened bread, by their London co-religionists.

THE Italian engineer, Signor Casale, has a project in hand for tunneling Mont Blanc. The commencement of the work, which will be some eleven miles in length, will take place early next year. It is proposed to start from the Valley of Chamonix, between the Fayet and the Hanches, and by this means connect Chamonix and Turin.

INFIDELITY is a religion (?) of negatives, which can never satisfy those who want affirmatives, and certainties, bread instead of stones.

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THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1901.

AN APPEAL.

We have received from the General Sunday School Union Board, in Salt Lake City, *a circular* calling attention to the fact that on January 1st, 1901, the purchase of the *Juvenile Instructor* was effected by said Board for the sum of five thousand dollars. That so great and grand an organization should have its own organ or representative paper seems unanswerably evident, and the schools everywhere in Utah and surrounding States have been invited to furnish the funds, the estimate having been made that five cents from each could easily raise the amount, while there would be no bar to those more liberally disposed making their subscription more if they so wished.

Now, this is in some sense a local question; but it may be that in this Mission there are Sunday school scholars, teachers, Elders or Saints able and willing to contribute to this desirable end, and if so we shall be pleased to have Presidents of Conferences or Superintendents of Sunday schools forward to us such amounts, with names of donors, as may be voluntarily offered, and the President of this Mission will remit such names and amounts to the General Board.

President Qeorge Q. Cannon was the General Superintendent, but his demise will in no way affect the future as to this. The transaction has been long matured, and as all the Saints and Elders expect eventually to enjoy in themselves, or in their posterity, the benefits of this highly successful Sunday school system, and to read its magazine (now in its thirty-sixth annual issue), no apology is needed, for presenting the matter to this Mission in this way.

Commending this without stipulating as to the amount, we leave it to the hearts of the kindly disposed for prompt action, small though it may be.

We congratulate Brother Lewis and Sister Ruth Naisbitt, Halifax, on their "Mormon boy." May he grow to manhood and to usefulness in the kingdom of our God, and may the proud parents dedicate him to that service with all their hearts. The trio are all doing well!

The type has been kept set up for the Liverpool edition of President Snow's Greeting. We can furnish these in the future, if needed, at the rate of sixpence per hundred. If any are desired by the several Conferences we should like to know forthwith, as the matter must be distributed very soon. Please send your orders as soon as possible.

CLERKS of Conferences would confer a favor by sending in reports of their conferences for publication as soon as possible after the close.

RELEASES.—The following Elders, Sister Parrish included, have been honorably released to return home on the s.s. *New England*, sailing from Liverpool, May 9th:—Elder Samuel Holt of the Liverpool; Elders E. T. Shepherd, C. G. Berry and Jas. C. White of the London; Elders John Young, Wm. Cameron and Matthew Forster of the Scottish; Elders Christopher Holland, H. B. Parrish and Sister Emily P. Parrish of the Newcastle Conferences respectively.

TRANSFER.—Elder James A. Leishman of the London has been transferred to labor in the Scottish Conference.

CONFERENCE NOTICE.—The Semi-Annual Meetings of the Irish Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be held in the Whitehall Buildings, Ann Street, Belfast, on Sunday, May 12th. Services will commence at 10:30 a.m., and 2:30 and 6:30 p.m.

ABSTRACT OF CORRESPONDENCE.

PRESIDENT ANDREAS PETERSON writes from Copenhagen in the following terms on April 11, 1901:

"Last Tuesday, April 9th inst, I came home from Aarhus, where we had an excellent Conference, which is the second held in Scandinavia this season. As it may interest you to get a brief report of the work performed in these two Conferences during the time of little less than six months, I take pleasure in writing you as follows:

"In Aalborg Conference there are 15 Elders at present. During the winter 8,961 books and tracts have been distributed, 8,070 strangers' houses visited, 2,601 Gospel conversations, 264 meetings held, and 21 souls have been baptized into the Church of Christ.

"In Aarhus there are 19 Elders at present, and the work done during the winter is as follows:—15,898 books and tracts distributed, 4,929 Gospel conversations, 515 meetings held, and baptized 24 souls.

"I found all the Elders in these Conferences feeling, I am happy to say, well indeed, and they have cause to do so, for they have been doing fine work, without exceptions. In the Priesthood meeting at Aarhus, a vote was taken as to how the Elders stood in regard to the 'Word of Wisdom,' and all the Elders, except one, signified, by raising their right hands, that they are keeping it, and furthermore some testified to the fact that they are getting along much better for so doing, as many times they get Gospel conversations on the strength of observing and keeping the 'Word of Wisdom.' The prospects are very good in many parts of these Conferences, especially is such the case in Aarhus Conference, as some people are earnestly investigating the principles of the Gospel.

"From Stockholm comes word that since the two young women from

Utah began to oppose the work of the Lord in that part of the vineyard, all the meetings are much better attended by strangers, and some times crowded to overflowing. The 'Book of Mormon' and the 'Doctrine and Covenants' are in great demand in Stockholm. Strangers in that city go to the Church office and buy said books, and many have thus been sold. Hence another proof for the grand saying, 'God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform.' I am confidently looking for good results from the present stir in Stockholm, for many by it will come to a knowledge of the Gospel, as we, the humble servants of the Lord, have the privilege of expounding it to the children of men."

Elder Henry T. Bolton writes us interestingly (April 16th) as to the work in Swindon, Wiltshire. We quote:

"It is now some six months since Brother Moyle and myself came here to labor. We found that this was a new field, comparatively speaking, it being sixteen years since there has been any Elders here, and 'Mormonism' is a new thing to the people. We have not been able to hold meetings yet, because hall rent is expensive; but we have met with good success in tracting, and have made a number of strong friends. One gentleman has requested baptism, which we will attend to as soon as the weather gets warmer, and as the rest of his family are investigating we hope to soon add them to the fold. Brother Moyle was called to Stroud at the beginning of the year, and Brother Newman came to labor with me. We have received good treatment from the people as a rule. I received an invitation to hold services in the Wesleyan church, which I did, and a large congregation gave good attention.

"We have been working at great disadvantage, not being able to invite the people to a place of worship. We went to Bristol for the purpose of getting President Horsley to give us some assistance. He let Brother James Astle come back with us in order that we might start holding open-air meetings, as Brother S. A. Newman and I cannot sing. On Saturday, Sunday and Monday night, in company with Elders S. A. Newman and James Astle, we held open-air meetings on Regent and Bridge streets, they being the most important streets of Swindon.

"We had nice, large and respectable audiences at each meeting. It is estimated that at the three we addressed one thousand people, besides those who heard our words of warning and testimony as they passed heedlessly on. Many were the words of commendation heard on every hand. At the close of Saturday night's meeting several were heard to remark that the meeting and the doctrines advanced were grand, and they eagerly reached for the tracts which we distributed among them. At the close of the meeting on Monday night each of us were surrounded by a small crowd of investigators, and it may be said that we held three more meetings, as they would ask a question and then give us respectful attention while we answered the same and brought forth Scriptural proof.

"It is our intention to go out every night that the weather will permit while Brother Astle remains. We feel delighted at the prospects, and we are tracting every day. The people also enquire where we are holding

services, but we are compelled to tell them that we have no place to meet in at present, which is a great drawback to the work. If Brother Astle could stop here it would be a big help to us, as he is a live, energetic worker, and it needs more than two of us here, anyway."

PRESIDENT JAMES L. MCMURRIN'S correspondence to President Lyman comes this time from Berlin, under date of April 19th. The next will most likely be from Scandinavia:

"I am in receipt of your interesting favor of the 16th inst., and I can assure you it received a hearty welcome both from Sister Booth and myself. It only arrived last night, but already it has been read and re-read. I am glad you are well and having such a joyful time in your attendance upon the Conferences. My prayers constantly ascend to the throne of grace in your behalf, that the power of the Lord may attend you in declaring the word of truth, and that the spirit of revelation may guide you every moment, and I earnestly crave your support in like manner. Your letter with advice in relation to our going to Scandinavia arrived just in time to save money in the purchase of railroad tickets. We leave for Hamburg in the morning. We can buy tickets from here right through and save several marks as compared with purchasing them from here to Hamburg, and from there on.

"We arrived here last Friday night, and have been very busy ever since. We have had a good chance to see the sights in and around Berlin, and we have made good use of our opportunities. I am reminded that the number of missionaries in Germany is getting low again, and the brethren are beginning to look into my face with that despairing expression of countenance that confronted me last summer when they were so much in need of help. I hope you will find some way of sending them a few extra missionaries, so that they may be relieved of the anxiety of mind that now worries them, and that the fields which have been opened may not suffer by not having the needed help to follow up the efforts that have been put forth. To give you an idea as to the manner in which our ranks here are being depleted, I need only say that on the first of January there were eighty-six in Germany, and to-day there are only sixty-six. This number should not only not be decreased, but added to as much as possible.

"Our time has been well occupied since our arrival in Berlin. We visited the choir the first evening, which is composed of members and non-members of the Church. On Saturday evening there was a gathering at '196' of the Utah people in this city. In addition to the brethren, the missionaries and students, we were favored with the presence of a number of Utah sisters, among whom were Lucy B. Young, Sister Cluff and daughter, Lulu Gates, Emma Ramsey, Agnes Dahlquist and Josephine Booth. You know how Utah people can enjoy themselves when they get together, so it will not be necessary for me to make an effort to describe how we spent the evening. At one o'clock on Sunday we attended Sunday school. There are 105 members in it, and about 60 of them are not 'Mormons.' The exercises were very interesting, and were conducted in the same manner as at home. Immediately after the close of school the after-

noon meeting began. It was surprising to see how soon the hall filled, for in a few minutes every seat was taken. There were about three hundred people altogether. We had a very spirited meeting. There were a number of English speaking people present, and among them several Americans. We were introduced to some of them and entered into a lively and interesting conversation. Among the latter was Dr. York and his wife. This gentleman does the dental work for the family of the Emperor of Germany. They have become very much attached to Sister Ramsey, one of our sweet Utah singers, and Mrs. York has invited her to come and live with them, so that she may have her for a companion in the absence of her husband. We have advised our sister to accept the invitation, and believe that much good will result from the example of a pure, true Utah girl among the high-class of people whom she will meet there. She will have many opportunities of bearing her testimony to a class of people who are difficult to reach, and her daily walk and conversation will be such as will afford these people food for reflection. Our evening meeting was also well attended, and an excellent spirit prevailed. On Monday we were together eight-and-a-half hours in Priesthood meeting, and our hearts were made to rejoice by the sweet influences from above which were richly poured out. In the evening we had a little Sacrament meeting with the Saints, at which instructions were given more particularly adapted for the members.

"Tuesday evening's concert was the crowning glory of the Conference. Our Utah students and missionaries covered themselves with honor. Elders Ferron, Wallace and Kirkham, and Sisters Gates, Ramsey and Dahlquist were the principal performers. I felt that I could have got up at the close, and, as Judd Browning says in 'How Ruby played,' 'preached a better sermon than any I had listened to.' Sister Lulu Gates acquitted herself particularly nobly. Had I given vent to my feelings I could have shouted when she sat down, 'This is a grand-daughter of Brigham Young, and we were all born in Zion,' but I simply had to 'simmer down.' I wish you could have been present and witnessed what I am attempting to describe, it would have been a green-spot in your memory for ever. There were four hundred people present, and they went away delighted. I felt that no one who had come there prejudiced against the 'Mormons' could possibly go away believing that we were the wicked, deluded people that our defamers have represented us to be. Part of the evening was occupied in a spirited talk on 'Our Mission in Deutschland,' by President Schulthess, and he handled the subject very well. We all went home after that night's work feeling as though we had grown an inch. And did those Utah people in this way preach the Gospel? I want to say most decidedly they did, both long and loud; indeed, I feel that their efforts in this direction have given the work here a splendid impetus, and I am proud of them.

"You will remember that when I was over here last summer the headquarters of this mission were in Hamburg. At that time serious difficulties arose in connection with the police, necessitating removal from that city. It seemed like a great calamity then, but the sequel has proven it to have been the 'frowning providence behind which our Father was hiding His smiling face.' In Hamburg our brethren had no liberty then, and had

to be constantly on the watch lest they should become entangled with the police, but here they have all the freedom desired. On locating in this city President Schulthess made application for the privileges desired from the proper authorities, making a 'clean breast of it,' so to speak, and to his great surprise and joy received all he asked for, so now all is well at headquarters, and the brethren are rejoicing in their good fortune. After Conference a letter came to the office from one of the principal newspapers of the city, stating that 'they would consider it a favor if we would send them the time and place of meeting for insertion in their columns.' Of course we had great pleasure in complying with their request. In addition to editing the STAR, Brother Haag presides over the Berlin Conference. He is a conscientious, painstaking worker.

"For some time the brethren at Saarbrücken have been apprehending trouble there on account of the threatening attitude of the clergy, who are enraged over the success of our missionaries. The crash came at last, now a short time ago. The Elders were forbidden to do tracting or any other missionary work. This order came from the police authorities. The brethren were not discouraged, however, but made up their minds to fight this unjust and illiberal decree to their utmost ability. Accordingly they took up the matter with the proper officials, and to their great joy succeeded in defeating the unchristian-like efforts of those so-called ministers of divine truth. They have now received certificates authorizing them to engage in the work they are here to prosecute, and they feel that through the blessing of God and in answer to their prayers, a great victory has been achieved.

"Word reached us to-day from Köenigsburg to the effect that a catholic priest who was pointed out to me in that city, and who has been investigating for some time, has been baptized since Conference, also several other persons. I was astounded to receive your message in relation to President Cannon's death. I was not aware of his illness. It certainly is a great loss to the Church, and personally I feel that I have lost one of the best friends I ever had. He it was who advised me with reference to my first mission, seventeen years ago, and who has had a kindly eye over me, with a kindly word ever since, and every time the thought has occurred to me that 'he is gone,' I can scarcely repress a flood of tears."

NEWCASTLE CONFERENCE.

THE Semi-annual meetings of the Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, in the Newcastle district, convened in the Cordwainer's Hall, 20, Nelson Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Sunday, April 28th, President F. A. Mitchell presiding.

Among those present were: Presidents Platte D. Lyman and H. W. Naisbitt of the European Mission; President H. B. Thompson of the Scottish Conference; Elders J. H. Haslam and M. C. Rigby of the Manchester Conference; Sister Lydia D. Alder and daughter May Clara, also Sister Alice Farnsworth from the London Conference; President F. A. Mitchell and

all the traveling Elders of the Newcastle Conference, as well as a large and appreciative audience.

10:30 a.m. Singing. Prayer by Elder C. E. Snell. Singing.

President F. A. Mitchell extended to all a hearty welcome, and gave assurance that they would receive an outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the word of the Lord, inasmuch as they would draw in the wandering of their minds, and exercise their faith and prayers in behalf of those who might speak.

The statistical report for the six months ending April 30, was then read: Branches and Districts, 10. Missionaries from Zion—Seventies, 19; lady missionary, 1. Local Priesthood—Elders, 27; Priests, 7; Teachers, 13; Deacons, 11; members, 331; children under eight years of age, 115; total number of souls, exclusive of missionaries from Zion, 504. Tracts distributed—from door to door, 35,004; in open air meetings or otherwise, 2,535. Books distributed—sold, 1,736; loaned, 410; given away, 253. Strangers' houses visited—with first tract only, 10,597; by first invitation, 381; by re-invitation, 1,207. Gospel conversations, 2,730. Meetings held—hall, 370; cottage, 124; out-door, 21; M. I. A. sessions 24; Bible classes, 34; Priesthood, 22. Baptisms, 21. Confirmations, 21. Ordinations, 15. Children blessed—of members, 6; of non-members, 5. Died—over eight years of age, 1; under eight years of age, 1. New subscribers for the STAR, 7.

Sunday school report for half year, ending April, 30th, 1901:—Number of schools, 6; school sessions held, 134; total officers and teachers, 28; average attendance of officers and teachers, 18; total number of pupils, 142; total officers, teachers and pupils, 170; pupils in primary department, 47; in first intermediate, 52; pupils in higher department, 43.

President Platte D. Lyman said he was always pleased to meet in Conference. He spoke of those peculiarities connected with the Latter-day Saints which separate them from modern Christianity, chief among them being their organization with Apostles, Prophets, etc., and the sustaining of them by the uplifted hands of all the Saints.

The general authorities of the Church and Presidency of the European Mission were then presented and unanimously sustained. Elder F. A. Mitchell was unanimously sustained as President of the Newcastle Conference, also the following traveling Elders in their respective districts: Newcastle—H. B. Parrish, S. Webster and Emily P. Parrish; Carlisle—D. Penman and L. S. Pond, Jr.; Shields and Hebburn—Chris. Holland and C. A. Hall; Pelton and Spennymoor—P. F. Smith and Jos. White; Sunderland—Joseph Webb and M. Jessop; Hartlepool—Geo. P. Jones and R. H. Spencer; Middlesbrough—A. J. Poulsen and D. Ririe; Stockton—Henry Bolingbroke and W. W. Snyder; Darlington—C. E. Snell and H. B. Campbell.

President F. A. Mitchell remarked that notwithstanding Elders H. B. Parrish, Chris. Holland and Emily P. Parrish had received notice of their release, they would be sustained in their respective places until their departure. The local Priesthood in the several districts were unanimously sustained.

Sister Lydia D. Alder spoke a short time of woman's organizations in

the Church, their necessity and the good work they accomplish, especially in Zion.

Singing. Prayer by Elder David Ririe.

2 p.m. Singing. Prayer by Elder H. Bolingbroke. Singing.

Elder H. B. Parrish bore his testimony to the truthfulness of the Gospel, stating that the Lord expected humility and perseverance of His people.

Elder C. Holland added his testimony, touching on the first principles of the Gospel.

Sister Alice Farnsworth of the London Conference bore her testimony to the work of the Lord as revealed through the Prophet Joseph Smith.

President H. B. Thompson of the Scottish Conference spoke forcibly upon the first principles of the Gospel.

Elder David Penman bore his testimony and exhorted all to give heed to the teachings of the Elders.

President Platte D. Lyman referred to the words of Jesus "Beware of false prophets," and said they were commonly applied by the world to the Latter-day Saints. He spoke very forcibly upon the declaration of our Savior, "By their fruits ye shall know them," maintaining that the fruits seen among the Saints could not come from a corrupt tree.

Singing. Prayer by Elder L. S. Pond.

6 p.m. Singing. Prayer by Elder Jos. H. Haslam. Singing.

Sister Emily P. Parrish bore a strong testimony to the truthfulness of the Gospel and expressed her pleasure while laboring in the missionary field.

"O my father" was rendered by Elders H. B. Campbell, Jos. White, P. F. Smith, Sisters Kate Fisher and Etta Oliver.

President H. W. Naisbitt spoke on the first principles of the Gospel.

Refreshments were served during the day in the adjoining apartments to the hall, contributing greatly to the comfort of the Saints and friends.

Monday, 11:30 a.m., April 29th, 1901, at Cordwainer's Hall. The Presidency and Elders met in Priesthood meeting. The Elders of Conference gave their reports and received such counsel and advice from Presidents Lyman, H. W. Naisbitt and Mitchell as will ever be remembered by all present.

P. F. Smith, Clerk of the Conference.

New Century Ideals.—To weigh the material in the scales of the personal, and measure life by the standard of love; to prize health as contagious happiness, wealth as potential service, reputation as latent influence, learning for the light it can shed, power for the help it can give, station for the good it can do; to choose in each case what is best on the whole, and accept cheerfully incidental evils involved; to put my whole self in all that I do, and indulge no single desire at the expense of myself as a whole; to crowd out fear by devotion to duty, and see present and future as one; to treat others as I would be treated, and myself as I would my best friend; to lend no oil to the foolish but let my light shine freely for all; to make no gain by another's loss, and buy no pleasure with another's pain; to harbor no thought of another which I would be unwilling that other should know; to say nothing unkind to amuse myself, and nothing false to

please others; to take no pride in weaker men's failings, and bear no malice toward those who do wrong; to pity the selfish no less than the poor, the proud as much as the outcast, and the cruel even more than the oppressed; to worship God in all that is good and true and beautiful; to serve Christ wherever a sad heart can be made happy or a wrong will set right; and to recognize God's coming kingdom in every institution and person that helps men to love one another.—Wm. De Witt Hyde.

THE WELCOME SMILE.

The thing that goes the farthest toward making life worth while,
That costs the least and does the most is just a pleasant smile.
The smile that bubbles from a heart that loves its fellow men.
Will drive away the clouds of gloom and coax the sun again,
Is full of worth and goodness, too, with manly kindness blent—
It's worth a million dollars and it doesn't cost a cent.

There is no room for sadness when we see a cheery smile—
It always has the same good look—it's never out of style—
It nerves us on to try again, when failure makes us blue;
The dimples of enconragement are good for me and you.
It pays a higher interest, for it is merely lent—
It's worth a million dollars and it doesn't cost a cent.

A smile comes very easy—you can wrinkle up with cheer
A hundred times before you can squeeze out a soggy tear.
It ripples out, moreover, to the heart-strings that will tug,
And always leaves an echo that is very like a hug.
So, smile away. Folks understand what by a smile is meant.
Its worth a million dollars and doesn't cost a cent.

Harriet S. Damon.

DIED.

Barron.—In Stockton, Durham Co., February 14th, 1901, Annie, daughter of Joseph and Margaret M. Williams Barron, aged 7 years, 5 months and 3 days.

Robertson.—In Combraling, Scotland, March 28th, 1901, Robert, son of James and Ann Morehead Robertson, who was born December 11, 1861. Deceased, at his own request, had the Elders attend to the funeral rites. Though he did not obey the Gospel, yet his sympathies were with the work of the Lord, and the services were a great satisfaction to his parents.—*Deseret News please copy.*

Hickman.—In Birmingham, April 13th, of a complication of some month's duration, Sister Mary Hickman, who was born in that city March 3rd, 1840, and was baptized by Elder Freeze on February 2, 1887. Deceased leaves a husband and four daughters here, also two sons in Provo, Utah, besides a host of friends, and she died in full fellowship of the Church.—*Deseret News please copy.*

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